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REV CHARLES V. RARY
and REV. EDWARD A. DRISCOLL

Rev. Charles V. Rary Ordained To Ministry

Conference Ordination was conferred on Rev. Charles V. Rary on Sunday, December 31, in a Service of Ordination held at Duncan's Creek Church.

Mr. Rary has served the Duncan's Creek Church for the past two years as a Licentiate of the Georgia-S. C. Conference.

The vows of ordination were given by Rev. James T. McAdams, minister of Center Church, Atlanta, and formerly Mr. Rary's pastor. Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. delivered the sermon.

Participating in the service were Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Rev. Edward A. Driscoll, Executive of the Georgia Council of Churches, and Rev. Edward M. Brown, Consultant on Human Relations for the United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rary, who live in Atlanta, have two children. A reception at the church followed the ordination service.

Rev. Frederick A. Meyer Takes Reins At Central

The Reverend Frederick A. Meyer, outstanding Congregational Christian minister from Minneapolis, Minn., began his new work as minister of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, on January 2.

For the past four years Mr. Meyer has served as one of the national directors of the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign to raise 7½ million dollars for the higher educational interests of the Congregational Christian Churches at home and abroad.

In this capacity Mr. Meyer visited the Southeast Convention, which was in the Central Region, headed by Mr. Meyer, of the campaign. Mr. Meyer presented the Christian Higher Education Fund program to the convention at its 1959 annual meeting at East Tallassee.

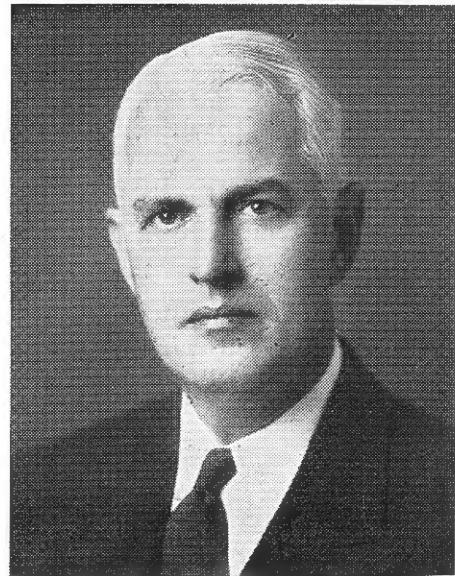
Ordained in 1929, the new minister is a graduate of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

After serving the Congregational Church in Newport, Vermont, he was called to the Rockville Center Church on Long Island. During his pastorate there the church experienced its period of greatest growth and engaged in a major building program.

The Rev. Mr. Meyer then was called to the Mayflower Congregational Church, Minneapolis, Minn., one of the largest churches in the denomination. He led the Mayflower Church in a major building program.

Mr. Meyer succeeds the Rev. Thomas Anderson, who retired as minister of the church in September following 17 years of service. Dr. Anderson died in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer moved to Atlanta the first of the year. They have one son, who is in business in Cambridge, Mass.



REV. FREDERICK A. MEYER

Rev. Winfred Walters, Loyal Minister, Dies

Rev. Winfred Walters, pastor of the Antioch and Forest Home Congregational Christian Churches, Roanoke, Alabama, and a resident of Langdale, Alabama, died on December 6 following an operation to correct a heart condition.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alberta Maddox Walters, and two daughters, Martha and Kathy, as well as by his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walters, Tallassee, Ala., and several brothers and sisters.

An employe of the Langdale Mill, he was also active in civic affairs and in Boy Scouting. For several years he served the Bethel Congregational Christian Church, West Point, Ga. He was licensed to preach by the East Alabama Association.

Funeral services were conducted at the Langdale Congregational Christian Church by Rev. George W. Stowe and Rev. John D. Schofield on December 8.

Pilgrim Congregational Church Displays Bible In Numerous Volumes And Languages

(The following article appeared in the December 9, 1961, issue of the Birmingham Post Herald and was written by Frank Harwell. It is reprinted here both as a matter of interest because it concerns our own churches and because it indicates a meaningful way in which Universal Bible Sunday can be observed in churches. The article was accompanied by a picture of Prof. Richard Warren, superintendent of the Sunday School of Pilgrim Church. Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin is the minister.)

Wadley CC Church

Almost every member of the Pilgrim Congregational Church has celebrated or will celebrate Universal Bible Sunday, which is tomorrow.

A sealskin-bound pulpit Bible will be dedicated at the church tomorrow morning. And a display of many Bibles was viewed by the members Wednesday night at a family supper.

The Revised Standard Version Bible, which contains the apocrypha of the Old Testament, was given to Pilgrim Church by William L. and Elaine Cale Glenn in memory of Mrs. Glenn's parents. The two, who are members of the church here, recently moved to Panama City, Florida.

Members of the church and the minister, the Rev. Clarence W. Baldwin, will dedicate the large Bible. The Book will replace a worn pulpit Bible given to the church by Carrs Lane Church, Birmingham, England, in 1934. The English church calls the one here its "younger sister." Both are Congregational churches. The old Bible was printed in 1872 and is a King James version.

A special treat for members of the Pilgrim Church Wednesday night was reading of the Twenty-third Psalm in the Scotch language by Mrs. Homer Burton, a member of the church. Some of the Scotch words were just like their English counterparts.

Many displays of Bibles and material related to the Bible were prepared by all classes of the Sunday School of the church.

There was an old Bible placed in its solid walnut box, handmade in 1873 in Oklahoma Indian territory. The box has stone inlaid in its top, and the Bible contains a dictionary of Biblical terms and pictures.

There was a Bible printed in 1859 which was carried on a tour of the Holy Land by Dr. Thomas Kerr, Scotland-born minister. He wrote notes in the Book's margins during the tour years ago. Dr. Kerr, grandfather of Mrs. Fred Norton of the Pilgrim Church here, later founded a church in Rockford, Ill.

A unique Bible owned by Larry Quinn, Shades Valley High School student, has a metal clasp on its sides to keep it closed. It was printed in 1881.

"May this keep you from harm" is written on the metal cover of a serviceman's Bible owned by Fred Cameron, teacher at Indian Springs School. The Bible, and others like it, have kept servicemen from harm many times by catching bullets which otherwise could have landed in their hearts were it not for a Bible-filled pocket.

There was a Latin Bible translated from Portuguese and printed in 1821.

A 1795 version of a Bible containing the apocrypha and books of the Maccabees was on display at Pilgrim Church. It is owned by Miss May Norton, 87, aunt of Mrs. John Owen, member of the church. The Book was printed in 1812.

Larry Quinn also brought a teachers' Bible dictionary printed in 1876, which was given him by a Vermont friend.

Also on display was an 1806 printing of works of Flavius Josephus, ancient Jewish historian. The volume contains 20 books of Jewish antiquities or histories, seven books on Jewish wars and the life of Josephus. It was printed in London, England.

Another elaborate display prepared by the Senior High class of the Sunday School contained different versions of the Bible. All copies were opened to Matthew 19:14, in which Jesus rebuked a disciple for forbidding children to go to Him. The verse was shown in these editions: Masonic, 1924; King James, 1847 and 1850; Smith and Goodspeed's American Translation, 1931; Goodspeed's New Testament, 1923; Moffatt's, 1922; New English Bible, 1961; Phillips' Modern English, 1958; and Revised Standard Version, 1901 and 1946.

The Junior High Class prepared maps showing location of famous Biblical events, and a time chart showing outstanding characters from Moses (1220 B. C.) to Jesus. Said the explanation: "Old Testament teachings have spread to all corners of today's world."

Brokenshire Memorial Hospital A Project For Children - Youth

A new children's ward is desperately needed at the Brokenshire Memorial Hospital in the Philippines. This hospital is located on the southern island of Mindanao in the town of Davao. It is partially supported by the United Church Board for World Ministries through the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

The present building was built right after World War II as a temporary structure. Fifteen years is a long time to be "temporary." And this particular building will not be safe very much longer because it has been invaded by termites.

In addition to the poor condition of the building, it is terribly crowded. Every available space is used for beds. A visitor usually has to thread his way through beds in the hallways. Part of the reason the hospital is so crowded is that people have learned through the years that they get better care at the Brokenshire Hospital than at most other places available to them.

This was one of the first church-related hospitals considered good enough to have an interne-training program. The hospital also has a nursing training program. Miss Emma Noreen, a missionary of the United Church Board for World Ministries, was the first Director of the nursing school. She is now the acting director while the Filipino director is away for further study.

The hospital staff has worked hard to maintain the highest standards of care. This is very difficult, of course, under such crowded conditions and with inadequate facilities.

We can help build the new children's ward and other facilities needed at this hospital by contributing to the "Authorized Special" for the Brokenshire Memorial Hospital. Your offering should be sent to the Treasurer, United Church Board for World Ministries. Apportionment credit will be given upon request.

(This project was suggested by the Missionary Education Committee of the Division of Christian Education. Church Schools using Pilgrim Series materials will find missionary giving suggestions in their regular curriculum courses. This project is planned for churches using Pilgrim Series materials or desiring additional giving suggestions.)

Churches Urged Participate One Great Hour Of Sharing

More than \$15 million is being asked this year by Protestant churches for their world-wide programs of assistance to the needy throughout the entire world. The greater portion of this record-breaking program will be achieved through the 1962 One Great Hour of Sharing, which will be held in most participating churches on Sunday, April 1.

This will be the fourteenth annual observance of One Great Hour of Sharing, the major effort of the United Appeal for overseas relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction through which funds for their ministries to those in distress are raised by major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations and communions.

The contributions made by tens of millions of Americans in One Great Hour of Sharing and related appeals will provide food, clothing, medicines, and shelter to victims of floods, famine, hurricanes, and other natural disasters; help rehabilitate and resettle refugees; assist hospitals and orphanages; furnish self-help and vocational training, and make possible agricultural and community development projects that will help break the patterns of poverty.

Also supported by funds raised in One Great Hour of Sharing are educational projects, such as assistance to schools, student exchange programs, and the training of young persons, both here and abroad, for service and leadership in their homelands.

Through our participation in this offering, these and many other ministries of love are carried out. Jesus once asked Peter: "Do you love me?" Then followed this clear command: "Feed my sheep." The question and command belong together. Jesus confronts us with them still today. One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, April 1, is one good opportunity for each of us to answer the Master.

Churches of the United Church of Christ gave \$550,000 through this appeal in 1961. It is hoped that this will rise to \$700,000 in 1962. The channel through which the work of our churches is represented by the One Great Hour offerings is the Division of World Service of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church.

Ministers of the churches soon will be receiving One Great Hour of Sharing packets from which to order ma-

BASEBALL OR MISSIONARIES

By William N. Tuttle in Florida Congregational News

I am a Red Sox baseball fan, and proud of it. It takes religion to be a Red Sox fan. Indeed, being a Red Sox fan is a religion — mostly sack-cloth and ashes and requiring Faith, Hope, and Charity in large amounts. I have Faith that next year we'll finish in the first division and even that some day another pennant will come to Boston, and I hope to live to see it. I have Hope that youngsters like Karl Yastrzemski, Chuck Shilling, and Don Schwall will be even better than this year, when they were superb, and that the oldsters like Pete Runnels, Frank Malzone, and Jackie Jensen have at least one more good season left in them. I have to have Charity for the times we have had it all sewed up and then threw the game away in the ninth.

There are some moments of ecstasy —like a year ago, when we beat the Yankees five straight, or the day this summer when we were trailing by seven runs in the last of the ninth with two out and two strikes on the third batsman, and then went on to get eight runs and win the game.

When the World Series is over I see little interest in the ensuing months until April. Except for my wife's birthday, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, I'd

just as soon hibernate. The only gain is getting to bed earlier. I do not have to sit up until midnight to get the late scores on the TV.

This year, though, I have a new interest. Early in October, there came to my desk a copy of the "Calendar of Prayer and Directory" of our United Church Board of World Ministries, successor to the American Board. For every day from now to next September 30, there is a short biography of one of our foreign missionaries, telling about where he works and what he is doing. As I have looked it through I am downright ashamed to find I know the names and batting averages of more ball players than of the missionaries who represent you and me around the world.

So far in October I have been getting acquainted with new friends in Argentina, Ecuador, and Honduras, where the work has been in charge of the E & R churches. Next we move to more familiar ground in Mexico and India, and before the year is over I will visit Turkey, Lebanon, Africa, Japan, Europe, and other places.

A year from now I am determined to know as much about our missionaries as I do baseball.

HERE AND THERE

World Day of Prayer

The 75th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 9. Women's Fellowship groups may secure information and materials from United Church Women, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

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United Church Men

The Third National Meeting of Men of the United Church of Christ will be held at Purdue University, LaFayette, Ind., August 17-19, 1962. Total cost for meals, room, and registration will be \$25.00 per person. Women are invited.

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King Of Kings

The Protestant Motion Picture Council gives star rating to King of Kings

terials for use in their churches. Every church in the Southeast Convention is urged to participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing.

(Samuel Bronston Production, MGM Release), the new picture of the Life of Christ.

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According to "The Evangel", the new newsletter of the Langdale Church, the church has voted to purchase a new parsonage and the old parsonage is for sale.

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The Allan Saunders send Christmas greetings from 6006 Dickson Dr., Apt. 1, Indianapolis 26, Ind.

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The Rev. and Mrs. Carroll W. Lewis and daughter send greetings from the Rosemont Christian Church, 3505 Bainbridge Blvd., South Norfolk 6, Va.

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The Chanters of the Zamora Temple, an all-male chorus, presented a program of Christmas Music at Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, at the Vesper Service December 3.

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The Citadel Cadet Choir sang at Circular Church, Charleston, on Sunday, December 10.

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Superintendent's Corner

During the month of December representatives of the South Indiana Synod, the Convention of the South, and the Southeast Convention met in Chattanooga to discuss the possibilities looking toward the formation of a new United Church Conference in this area.

In the general geographical area under discussion there are 4 E & R churches (Birmingham and Cullman in Alabama, and Nashville and Belvedere in Tennessee), approximately 25 Negro CC churches, and approximately 14 churches of the Southeast Convention.

The discussions at this meeting were, of course, preliminary. Another meeting will be held in March. Eventually, we will consider the recommendations of the group at one of the annual meetings of the convention.

It is hoped that out of these discussions will come proposals for a United Church Conference that will be acceptable to all three groups involved—the South Indiana Synod, the Convention of the South, and the Southeast Convention.

The Board of Directors of the convention in September appointed Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, W. Pressley Ingram, Odell Yancey, Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Rev. J. Kermit Harris, and Dean A. R. Van Cleave as its representatives. Dean Van Cleave was unable to attend.

Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, Minister of Christian Education, and Supt. J. H. Lightbourne Jr. also represented the convention. Present as visitors were Rev. George W. Stowe, minister of the Langdale Church, and Rev. and Mrs.

Visit The World Church At Home And Abroad

Here is your invitation to set out on a tour which will enrich your life in ways beyond your imagining. Cast four eyes upon the tours described below and then register immediately for what will surely become a great adventure you will never forget. While it is true that thousands of Americans travel every year, on business or pleasure, to the far corners of the world, you will enter into experiences which the ordinary traveler or tourist cannot find.

As a church man or church woman concerned about and involved in the swiftly changing course of events in the United States and the whole world, you will be privileged to see first-hand how the events demand the serious thought and attention of every Christian and the whole church. The headlines in your daily newspaper, the mission of the church will carry a significance you never knew before.

Don't wait until it is too late. Write at once for further information, to the person listed as correspondent for the tour of your choice.

Puerto Rico, Virgin Isles —

February 13-24

Sponsored by the Board of Homeland Ministries

Method of Travel: By air, Idlewild to San Juan

Cost: \$250.00 New York and return.

Party limited to 15

Correspondent: Dr. Walter C. Giersbach, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Arnold Slater:

All of us will follow the efforts of this group with interest as we seek to enter more fully into the life of the United Church.

Superintendent's Schedule

January 7 — Hillside, LaGrange. Service of Licensure, 3 p. m.

JANUARY 10 — Duncan's Creek, Business Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

January 14 — United Church, Huntsville, Alabama

January 17-18 — Board of Trustees, Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

January 21 — Elder, Dadeville, Service of Licensure, 2:30 p. m.

January 22 — Survey and Church Aid Committee, Atlanta

January 23 — Board of Directors, Southeast Convention, Atlanta

JANUARY 26 - February 1 — Midwinter Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Southern Tour —

Eastern Section —

April 24 - May 4

Sponsored by New England's Laymen's Council

Method of Travel: By private car

Places to be visited: Churches, colleges, hospitals, community centers

Estimated cost: \$175.00

Correspondent: Mr. William W. Richardson, 60 Bluff Road, Barrington, Rhode Island

Southern Tour —

Midwest Section —

April 24 - May 8

Sponsored by The Stewardship Council

Method of Travel: By bus or private car

Places to be visited: Colleges, hospitals, churches, community centers

Cost: Approximately \$165.00

Correspondent: Rev. James E. Waery, 19 South LaSalle St., Chicago 3, Ill.

National Missions Tour —

June 16 - 26

Theme: "The Church's Mission to Persons of Special Need"

Sponsored by Church Tours, Incorporated

Places to be visited: Missouri, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin

Correspondent: Mr. Stanley Wilke, 1729 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Mo.

East Asia Study Seminar —

June 26 - August 25

Theme: "Encounter With Resurgent Asia"

Students who are related to the United Campus Christian Fellowship are eligible

Places to be visited include: Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines

Estimated Cost: San Francisco and return, \$1,275.00

Correspondent: Miss Margaret Flory, Office of Student World Relations, United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York

International Missions Tour —

September 8 - October 7

Theme: "The Church's Mission in Southern Asia"

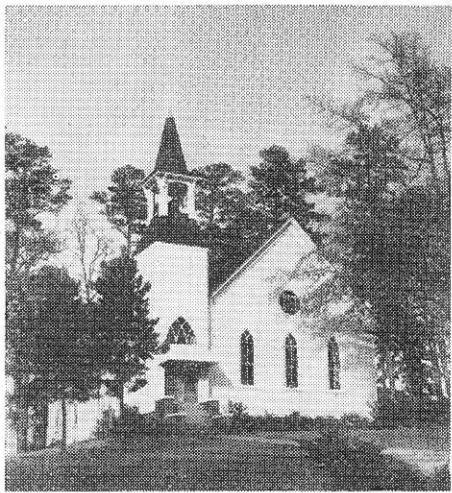
Sponsored by Church Tours, Incorporated

Places to be visited: India, Holy Land, Greece, Rome, England, Iceland, and Scotland

Estimated Cost: \$1,850.00

Correspondent: Mr. Stanley Wilke, 1729 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis 3, Mo.

People...



Wadley Church Has Its Fiftieth Anniversary

The Congregational Christian Church of Wadley, Alabama, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, December 10, 1961.

A special 50th anniversary service was held on that day and the annual homecoming was observed. A delicious noon meal was served in the new and attractively decorated cafeteria of the public school building.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, minister of the church, and dean of Southern Union College, conducted the service. The dedicatory prayer was given by Dr. Simon A. Bennett, retired superintendent of the Indiana Congregational Christian Conference. The anniversary sermon was delivered by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr.

The church was organized as the Wadley Christian Church in the fall of 1911 through the consecrated work of Rev. Emory M. Carter, for many years the pastor of the Congregational Christian Church of Youngsville, North Carolina. Mr. Carter, now retired, could not be present but sent greetings.

The first minister of the church was Rev. G. O. Lankford, for many years minister of the First Congregational Christian Church, Burlington, N. C. Dr. Lankford, also now retired, sent greetings.

The church was organized with thirty-two charter members. Eight of these, Mrs. Florence Adamson, Rev. Emory M. Carter, Mr. Vernon L. Carter, Mr.

Churches...

YOUTH WEEK

January 28 - February 4

The 1962 Youth Week will be observed in churches across the land beginning with Sunday, January 28, which will be Youth Sunday in many of our churches. Plan to observe Youth Week in your church.

East Alabama Laymen Elect New Officers

The East Alabama Churchmen's Fellowship held its quarterly dinner meeting at the Elder Church, Dadeville, Alabama, on Saturday night, November 25.

Following the delicious dinner, the first order of business was the election of officers for the coming year.

Pictured above, from right to left, are Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College, presenting the fellowship bell to the new president, Mr. Henry Cook, of First Church, Phenix City, while Mr. Justin Duck, newly elected vice-president, of the Elder Church, looks on.

The laymen from the churches voted unanimously to accept and support as a special project for the year the attendance of the young people of the churches in the summer conferences.



Hurley George, Miss Bette Mann, Mrs. Lois Carter Melton, Mr. Millard Hosmer Person, and Mrs. C. A. Weldon, are still living.

The church recently has been redecorated inside and new chancel furniture has been installed.

Events...



Young People Look At Church Careers

Nineteen young people and eight adult leaders were present for the Church Vocations Conference held by the Christian Education Committee and the young people at the Southern Union College, Thursday and Friday, December 28-29.

The young people present were given the opportunity to hear and learn about the various opportunities for full-time church service both in this country and around the world.

Rev. Melvin Fenner, chaplain and professor at Southern Union College, presented the field of the pastoral ministry. Rev. John D. Schofield, Lanett, Ala., gave guidance concerning the opportunities for lay ministries.

The overseas mission was discussed by Rev. Harold C. Henderson, East Tallassee, Ala. Rev. Edward M. Brown of the United Church and Rev. Andy Young, formerly with the National Council of Churches as Secretary of Youth, presented the opportunities in the ecumenical church.

The convention Minister of Christian Education, Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, gave guidance to the conference and Supt. Lightbourne participated on the program.

A dash of excitement was introduced into the meeting when the news came that Rev. Annie R. Campbell and her carload of young people had been delayed because of ice and snow. They arrived Thursday night, late, but safe.

Throughout the formal program there was time for group singing and for informal discussion and visiting. The worship services were led by the young people. The meals served in the college dining room were excellent. The conference was considered a valuable experience by all who attended.

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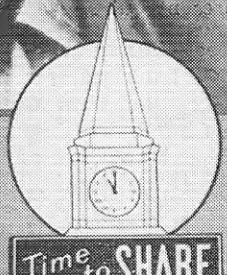
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